

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-124-E - ORDER NO. 2007-620

SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

IN RE: Request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to ) ORDER APPROVING  
Approve Certain Changes to its Lighting ) CHANGES TO  
Service Rate Schedules , Schedule OL(SC), ) LIGHTING SERVICE  
Outdoor Lighting Service, Schedule PL )  
(SC), Street and Public Lighting Service, )  
and Schedule FL(SC), Floodlighting Service )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Duke”) to approve revisions to lighting schedules OL, PL, and FL. Duke states the purpose of these revisions is to close the availability of mercury vapor luminaires to new installations, to add a new metal halide luminaire on Schedule OL, to eliminate the charge for color improved lamps in new installations, to reduce the term of contract for nonstandard luminaires, and to clarify as well as simplify footnotes contained in the schedules. Explanations of these proposed revisions that were given by Duke in its request filed with the Commission are reproduced below.

Concerning mercury vapor lighting, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires that mercury vapor ballast no longer be manufactured or imported into the United States after January 1, 2008. Duke proposes to close the availability of requests for these luminaires on Schedules OL and PL effective October 1, 2007, allowing through December 31, 2007, for the lights to be installed. Duke claims that this timeframe will allow major

projects already planned or underway to be completed without adverse customer impact. It also proposes to eliminate the charge for color improved mercury vapor lamps on Schedule OL and PL for any lamps installed between October 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, due to the reduced cost of these items. Moreover, as those existing color improved lamps are replaced in existing fixtures, the additional cost for the color improved lamp will be removed from the customer's bill.

In addition, Duke states that it plans to continue to replace existing mercury vapor light bulbs as long as they are reasonably available. For lights that require replacement of the ballast, the repair will depend on the type of light. If the light will accommodate a compatible replacement ballast, Duke asserts that it will replace the ballast, or fixture and ballast, with another type and maintain the mercury vapor bulb at no additional cost to the customer. If, however, the luminaire cannot be repaired using one of these options, the company will install the closest sized high pressure sodium luminaire at its current price. Duke also states that it will remove the light if the customer objects to the change due to its color or price.

Regarding other aspects of Duke's proposed revisions to its light schedules, the company plans to add a low wattage (100 watt) metal halide luminaire to schedule OL to address potential customer desire for a "white" light source. Duke also proposes to reduce the contract term for nonstandard lights from 20 years to 10 years on Schedules OL, PL, and FL. According to Duke, other minor changes in the Schedules are designed to simplify or clarify footnotes or alter formatting.

The Commission finds that these changes are in the public interest and therefore approved.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

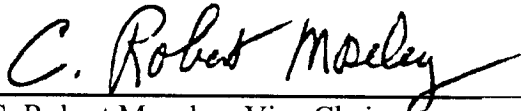
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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